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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2022

JOINT RESOLUTION

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$100,000 TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

Introduced By: Representatives McLaughlin, and Giraldo

Date Introduced: February 02, 2022

Referred To: House Finance

1 WHEREAS, Non-native and invasive aquatic plants are jeopardizing the stability of the
2 Blackstone River ecosystem; and

3 WHEREAS, Currently, one of the most devastating invasive plants along the Blackstone
4 River is the Water Chestnut; and

5 WHEREAS, These invasive species often grow quickly or have another competitive
6 advantage over native plants and can dominate the ecosystem, displacing natives species and
7 impeding swimming, fishing, and boating in the infested habitat; now, therefore be it

8 RESOLVED, That there is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not
9 otherwise appropriated for the fiscal year 2022-2023, the sum of one hundred thousand dollars
10 (\$100,000) to the Department of Environmental Management to fund and assist the City of
11 Central Falls in implementing aerial spraying and other methods to inhibit the growth and spread
12 of Water Chestnuts and other invasive species along the Blackstone River and nearby residual
13 ponds; and the state controller is hereby authorized and directed to draw his orders upon the
14 general treasurer for the payment of said sum, or so much thereof as may be from time to time
15 required, upon receipt of properly authenticated vouchers.

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
OF

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- 1 This resolution would authorize the appropriation of the sum of one hundred thousand
- 2 dollars (\$100,000) to the department of environmental management to fund and assist the city of
- 3 Central Falls in implementing aerial spraying to inhibit the growth of water chestnuts along the
- 4 Blackstone River.

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